

House Resolution No. 2797

Whereas, as the 2004-2005 school year draws to a close, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to applaud the career achievements of those individuals who are retiring from the field of education; and

Whereas, the Lexington R-V School District is losing a valuable member of its faculty on May 26, 2005, with the retirement of Monica Soendker who has devoted several years of her life to the education of this state's young citizens through tireless endeavors as an educator; and

Whereas, Monica Soendker has taught third grade for twenty-four years at Leslie Bell Elementary School, where she is held in high esteem as an educator who demonstrates considerable competence and remarkable degrees of compassion and understanding; and

Whereas, deeply committed to the great cause of learning, Monica Soendker has touched the lives of countless youngsters by helping them form a solid educational foundation upon which to build in the future; and

Whereas, listed in Who's Who, Monica Soendker has compiled an impressive list of achievements that includes being an eMINTS (enhancing Missouri's Instructional Networked Teaching Strategies) classroom instructor for four years, the 1997-1998 Lion's Club Teacher of the Year, and a Missouri State Teachers Association Teacher of the Year nominee in 2003; and

Whereas, Monica Soendker has also enjoyed recognition by serving as a Boy Scout Leader, an American Legion Historian, and a Tour Guide for the Lexington Homes Tour; and being a member of Delta Kappa Gamma and the First Baptist Church, where she has served as a Sunday school teacher for twenty years; and

Whereas, Monica Soendker has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include her husband, Dennis Soendker; two children, Todd and Kirk; and two grandchildren, Sierra and Brody:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join the Lexington R-V School District in expressing appreciation for the unparalleled service that Monica Soendker has rendered to Missouri's children and in wishing her the long, fruitful, and enjoyable retirement that she so justly deserves; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Monica Soendker, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Joe Aull
District No. 26

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 2797, adopted May 3, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker